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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6573

BILL NUMBER: HB 1367

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 11, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Higher education admission policy.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Messer

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires state educational institutions to admit first time freshman undergraduate students who meet certain requirements, including graduating from an Indiana secondary school in the top levels of the student's graduating class. It requires state educational institutions to consider socioeconomic factors in determining first time freshman undergraduate admission decisions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would require a public college to accept a student that graduated within the last two years if they were within the top 10% of their graduating class. The university could require the student to attend classes the summer after acceptance in appropriate enrichment and orientation programs. The bill requires the state educational institutions to decide if they wish to adopt an admission policy to automatically accept a student if they are within two years of graduation and are in the top 25% of their graduating class.

The fiscal impact on universities is unknown. Universities may accept students they have not accepted in the past and have to provide services to prepare the student for college. The total number of admissions may not increase. In the fall of 2000, approximately 32,000 Indiana residents were enrolled as freshmen in state universities. There are about 64,000 high school seniors annually.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Universities.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Department of Education Databases; Mike Baumgarten, Commission for Higher Education, (317) 464-4400.

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